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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Francisco C. Prats

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF CLAVULANIC ACID

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2001, for which a three-month extension of the period for response is requested in the accompanying Transmittal, so that the period for response expires on September 28, 2001, please enter the following Amendment and consider the following remarks:

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 15 [as found in the PCT claim set].

Please cancel Claims 16-35 [added but misnumbered in the Preliminary Amendment of October 13, 1998 as 15-34].

Please add Claims 36-55 as follows: